supervision technique involving *inter-alia* constant contract with the beneficiaries to ensure that defaults are brought down to minimum.

(iv) Launching of recovery drives with the help of State Government officials at the block level.

(v) Recovery performance is one of the items to be discussed in the District Level and State Level meetings of the bankers and Government officials.

(vi) Banks have been advised to observe one day in a week as non-banking working day for their rural branches.

(vii) Branch Managers have been advised to ensure that harvesting seasons are effectively used for recovery of dues.

The overall position with regard to performance of Public Sector Banks in the matter of lending to Pritority Sector, including agriculture, and recovery of agricultural advances by them is also reviewed periodically. Whenever any deficiencies are noticed during reviews the same are looked into for necessary remedial action. The performance is also reviewed periodically at State Level Bankers' Committee meetings.

White paper on economy

423. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREM JI KENIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a White Paper of economy of the country indicating therein the position of foreign loans and the purpose for which these were taken and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Family as a unit for Income-Tax purpose

424. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to treat family (husband, wife and minor childern) as a unit for Income Tax purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) No Sir. The proposal has been examined in the past but was not found to be feasible from the social, economic and administrative stand points.

Meeting the BOP Crisis

425. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aid India Consortium have pledged a substantial assistance of foreign exchange to our country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has also got loans from IMF, World Bank and some countries abroad;

(d) if so, what are details thereof;

(e) whether Government have no other option to meet the BOP crisis; and